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SUBJECT: FULRO ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE DAJLAC QROVINCE

1. NHA TRANG'S 0664 REPORTED THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IC THE MONTAGNARD DISSIDENT SITUATION IN DARLAC, WHICH IS THE CENTER OF THIS MOVEMENT.

2. THE CONSULATE GENERAL HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON MONTAGNARD DEVELOPMENTS IN PHU BON, PLEIKU AND KONTUM PROVINCES.

A/ PHU BON

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OUR PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVE IN CHEO REO HAS REPORTED A NUMBER OF RECENT INCIDENTS OF KILLINGS AND BRUTALITY BY LOCAL TERRITORIAL FORCES AGAINST MONTAGNARDS. THESE HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO THE PROVINCE CHIEF, COL BAO. ALTHOUGH HE IS THE ONLY ETHNIC MINORITY PROVINCE CHIEF IN SOUTH VIETNAM, HE HAS NOT TAKEN ACTION ON THE REPORTS, WHICH HAVE BEEN WIDELY CIRCULATED THROUGH THE PROVINCE. THEY HAVE REACHED THE MINISTER NAY LUETT, WHO HAS ORDERED INVESTIGATION OF THE KILLINGS AND THE REMOVAL OF SEVERAL INEFFECTIVE PROVINCE OFFICIALS. MEANWHILE ETHNIC TENSIONS SEEM TO BE DEVELOPING AND FOUR VIETNAMESE MERCHANTS HAVE BEEN KILLED IN SEPARATE INCIDENTS IN THE LAST 2-3 WEEKS. IT IS UNCLEAR BY WHOM, BUT THE RUMORS ARE THAT THEY WERE MURDERED BY FULRO ELEMENTS.

B. PLEIKU

DURING A VISIT TO PHU NHON DISTRICT (THE SOUTHERN-VOST IN PLEIKU, BORDERING DARLAC AND PHU BON), OUR PHU BON PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM MONTAGNARDS WHO WERE IN THE FULRO IN 1964-5 THAT TWO HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS OF KPA KOI'S GROUP HAD BEEN IN THE DISTRICT AND ORGANIZED QUITE AN EXTENSIVE NETWORK MODELED ON THE VCI AMONG YOUNG MONTAGNARDS. REPORTEDLY, THESE FULRO GROUPS HAD WORKED OUT AGREED AREAS OF OPERATION WITH THE VC. THE EXISTENCE OF THIS NETWORK HAS BEEN KEPT SECRET FROM THE GVN AUTHORITIES.

C. KONTUM

THE CONSULATE GENERAL HAS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED SEVERAL RATHER NEBULOUS REPORTS OF FULRO ACTIVITY IN KONTUM, BUT NONE OF IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED. MORE RECENTLY WE HAVE GOTTEN REPORTS, WHICH TEND TO CONFIRM EACH OTHER, THAT THERE ARE FULRO GROUPS TOTALLING FIVE HUNDRED PLUS IN THE MONTAGNARD SETTLEMENTS TO THE WEST AND SOUTH OF KONTUM CITY. THESE GROUPS ARE REPORTEDLY WELL-ARMED AND EQUIPPED AND DRAW RECRUITS FROM KONTUM TERRITORIAL AND VC FORCE DESERTERS. THEY ARE IN CONTACT WITH KPA KOI AND Y BHAM ENOUL IN CAMBODIA. THEY ARE REPORTEDLY ANTI-COMMUNIST, SHARE GENERAL MONTAGNARD GRIEVANCE AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE, AND SIMPLY WANT TO BE LEFT ALONE BY BOTH SIDES. THERE IS A STRONG BELIEF AMONG THEM THAT THEY WILL BE SUPPORTED BY THE UNITED STATES.

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